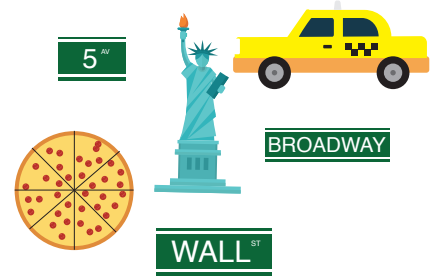




Adam

Tony

Getting Excited



Script:

- Adam: Are you getting excited for your trip?
- Tony: Yeah, I've wanted to go to New York for a long time.
- Adam: What are you going to do there?
- Tony: I'm not sure, but I really want to see the Statue of Liberty.
- Adam: Sounds great! When are you going to get back?
- Tony: A week from Friday. Let's get together and I'll show you my pictures.
- Adam: OK! I can't wait.

Grammar:

We use **GET** quite often in conversation.

Example ONE

Adam: Are you **getting excited** for your trip?

Tony: Yeah, I've wanted to go to New York for a long time.

A • get + adjective (i.g. hot, cold, excited) = become.

You are not hot. → You get hot. → You are hot.

- I **get tired** after lunch.
- My girlfriend **got angry** at me.
- I'm **getting fat**. I need to lose weight.

B • get + noun (i.g. a present, a job,) = receive, find, obtain

You don't have something → You get it. → You have it.

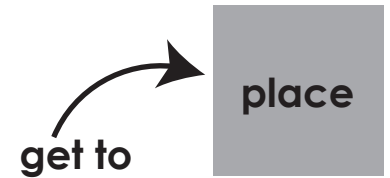
- I get too many emails to read. (get = receive)
- I got a new watch yesterday at the department store. (got = bought)
- I want to get a new job. (get = find/obtain)

C • get to + place = arrive

- I always get to work before 8:30am.
- When I got to the station, the train was just leaving.

exceptions: here, there, home

- What time did you get here? (NOT ~get to here)
- Call me when you get there? (NOT ~get to there)
- I'm going to eat when I get home. (NOT ~get to home)



Exercises:

One

In the sentences below, does 'get' equal become, arrive or obtain?

1. I'm getting hot. Could you open the window? become
2. I usually get to work at 8:30am. arrive
3. I got a new car last week. obtain
4. I didn't get anything for my birthday. _____
5. I got a job right after university. _____
6. I got home at 11:30pm last night. _____
7. I'm getting married next week! _____
8. Finish your tea before it gets cold. _____
9. It gets really humid during rainy season. _____
10. What time did you get here? _____

Two

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.

angry hungry divorced lost old better wet excited

1. I always get excited before a big trip.
2. My parents got _____ when I was 12 years old.
3. The first time I went to Tokyo, I got so _____ in Shinjuku Station.
4. I'm getting _____ let go get something to eat.
5. I forgot my umbrella this morning and got really _____ in the rain.
6. I forgot my girlfriend's birthday. She got so _____.
7. My dog has gotten _____. His fur is almost all gray now.
8. I'm sorry you are feeling sick. I hope you get _____ soon.

Exercise one answers:

1.become 2.arrive 3.obtain 4.obtain 5. obtain 6.arrive 7. become 8. become 9.become 10. arrive

Exercise Two answers:

1.excited 2.divorced 3.lost 4.hungry 5.wet 6. angry 7. old 8.better